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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents are also enclosed. A full English translation of JP 04-306499 has been obtained and is attached to that document. Also, English abstracts of each of the other Japanese documents have been obtained and are attached to the respective documents.

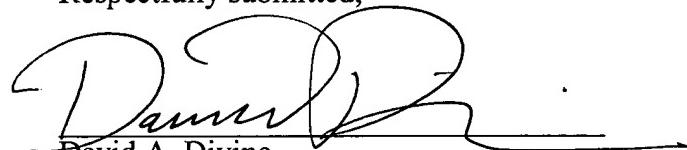
The cited Japanese references (i.e., JP 11-25282, JP 09-259258, JP 04-306499, and JP 09-272252) were cited in a Japanese Office Action dated November 5, 2004. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is also enclosed.

JP 11-25282 is one of the Japanese priority documents from which U.S. Patent No. 6,201,550 claims foreign priority. JP 9-272252 is the Japanese priority document from which U.S. Patent No. 5,923,822 (which was cited by the Examiner in the Office Action dated April 6, 2004) claims foreign priority.

Applicant respectfully requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		11-25282	01/29/99	Japan			Abstract
		9-259258	10/03/97	Japan			Translation
		4-306499	10/29/92	Japan			Abstract
		9-272252	10/21/97	Japan			Abstract

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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